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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Agency Operations During the Lapse of Appropriations

1. Yesterday's progress in the Senate toward passage of a Continuing Resolution makes it likely, but by no means certain, that the Senate will complete a Continuing Resolution bill during the course of the day. Nonetheless, prudent action on your part requires active contingency planning and full preparedness to implement agency shutdown plans, perhaps as early as tomorrow. This is made necessary by the following:

- o The expiration of funding that will occur as of midnight this evening;
- o The possibility that Senate action may not be completed until much later in the day, perhaps even this evening or even later;
- o The fact that serious policy differences are likely to remain between the House and Senate Continuing Resolution bills; and
- o The fact that the conference bill may in the end be unacceptable to the President.

2. With regard to the latter point, you should be aware of the fact that the House Continuing Resolution bill, in its present form, contains levels of spending and spending authorizations unacceptable to the Administration, as well as additional provisions extraneous to an appropriations bill that are similarly unacceptable.

3. Developments will doubtless occur at a rapid pace during the course of the day. Accordingly, do not hesitate to contact the Budget Examiner for your agency and/or the OMB Counsel assigned to your agency if and as questions arise. In addition, please be prepared, on short notice, to send agency representatives at the General Counsel/Assistant Secretary for Management level, to a meeting likely to be called early tomorrow for the purpose of discussing developments, facilitating coordinated planning and receiving instructions regarding appropriations hiatus matters.